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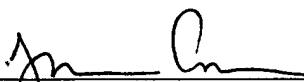
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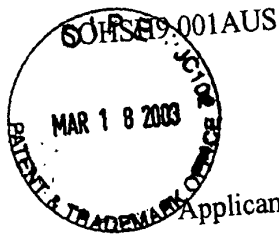
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, please amend the above identified application as shown in the accompanying pages. Following entry of the amendments, Claims 1-21 remain pending in the application and are presented for further examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel Claims 12-19 without prejudice.

✓ Please amend Claims 1, 6, and 21 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An overhead cable comprising:
- a tension-bearing core;
 - a conductive layer arranged at an outer circumference of the core; and
 - an outermost layer constituted by twisting together a plurality of segment strands and a plurality of grooves, each positioned at each boundary portion of adjoining segment strands, the segments and the grooves being spiraled along the longitudinal direction of the cable;

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